

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 2006

Claims 81, 100, and 105 are amended, claims 77-80 and 101-104 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-76, 81-100 and 105-106 are now pending in this application.

§101 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 77-81 and 100-105 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 77-80 and 101-104 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection thereof is now moot. Applicant herein rewrites claims 81, 100 and 105 to overcome this rejection. Claims 81 and 105 now more clearly recite methods of manufacture. Claim 100 recites an electronic device, which includes some of the same subject matter as claim allowed claim 82. As a result, claims 81, 100, and 105 now recite statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 81, 100, and 105 is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-76, 82-99 and 106 were allowed. Claims 77-81 and 100-105 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action. Applicant herein amends claims 81, 100, and 105 to overcome the above rejection. Allowance of all pending claims is requested.

The Office Action makes numerous statements regarding reasons for allowance. Applicant submits that the Office Action makes numerous assertions regarding the interpretations of the claims, the contents of the art and distinguishing features of the claims. Applicant has neither verified nor accepted the accuracy of these assertions, and respectfully submits that there may be different interpretations that those identified in the Office Action. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the relevant claims may be patentable for one or more reasons in addition to and/or in alternative to those reasons identified in the Office Action. Applicant reserves the right to further address one or more aspects of the Office Action as may later be necessary or desirable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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